

## House Resolution 200

By: Representatives Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup> and Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Billy Wofford on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2009, Sheriff Billy Wofford retired from his 28 year post as  
4 Sheriff of Pickens County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wofford is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state  
6 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
7 sound principles of law enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, taking his office at the age of 32, Sheriff Wofford was the youngest sheriff  
9 elected in Pickens County history, but he worked tirelessly to prove his age was not a factor  
10 and that his expert law enforcement experience qualified him as the finest person to protect  
11 and serve Pickens County; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wofford's dedication, determination, and work ethic were impressive,  
13 and after his first term in office he had earned the trust and confidence of Pickens County and  
14 was reelected for an incredible six consecutive terms; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wofford has maintained the reputation of a kind man, having been  
16 known to rehire employees in his office after they have run against him for the seat of sheriff;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, during Sheriff Wofford's tenure he has presided over three jails in Pickens  
19 County, providing safety and order to the current jail, the jail located on Camp Road, and the  
20 jail located on Main Street; and

21 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Sheriff Wofford had dedicated his life to law enforcement,  
22 serving an incredible 37 years; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
24 gratitude for the unique and courageous contributions of local law enforcement officers on  
25 behalf of the citizens of this state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the care, fortitude, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
28 Sheriff Billy Wofford in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for nearly four  
29 decades and extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined  
30 for others the meaning of public servant.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Billy Wofford.